

A dynamic comic book illustration showing Iron Man on the left, lying on his back with his chest glowing. Spider-Man is in the center, crouched over Iron Man, holding a large, curved blade. Iron Man's right arm is raised, holding another curved blade. The background is a bright, hazy sky with orange and yellow tones. The number '535' is in the top right corner.

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# THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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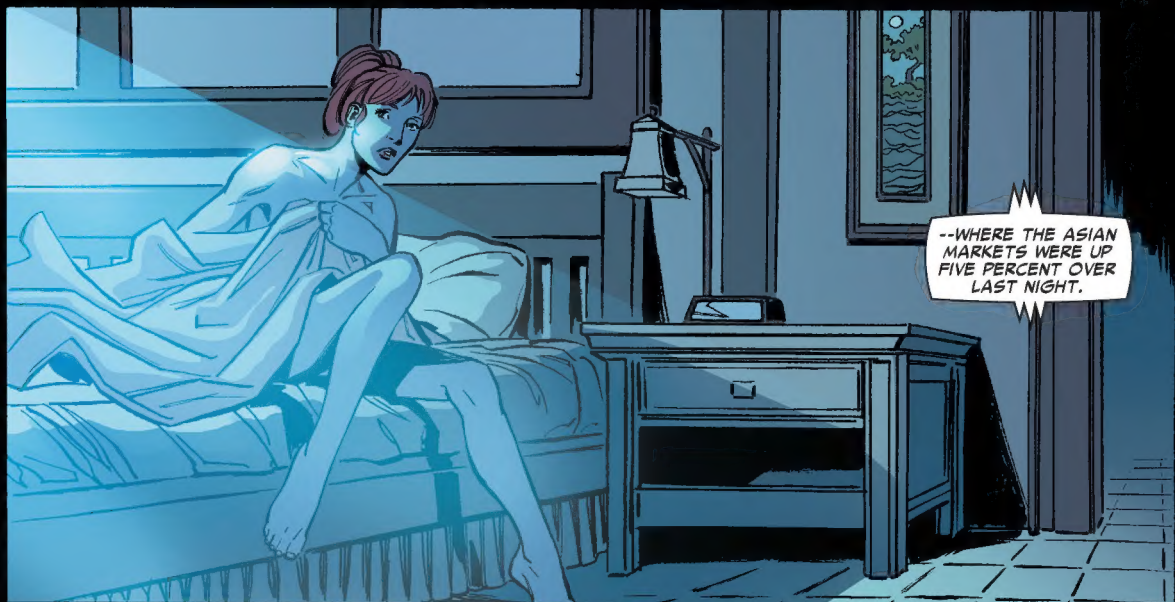
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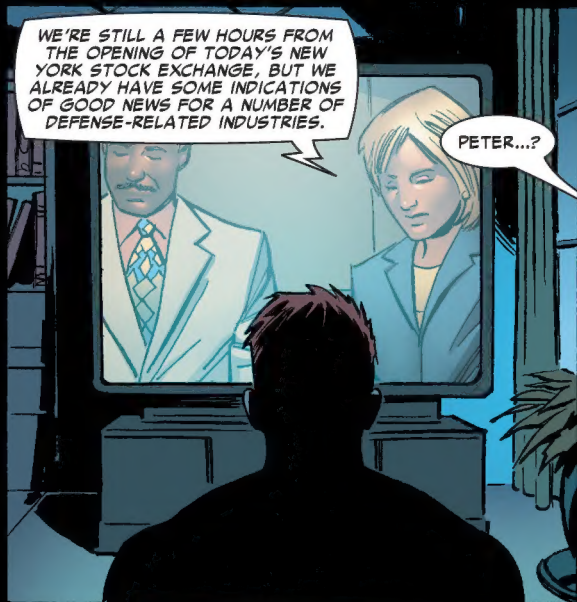
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THE LATEST REPORT FROM OVERSEAS LOOKS PROMISING SAY REPORTERS FROM THE JAPANESE STOCK EXCHANGE--



--WHERE THE ASIAN MARKETS WERE UP FIVE PERCENT OVER LAST NIGHT.



WE'RE STILL A FEW HOURS FROM THE OPENING OF TODAY'S NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, BUT WE ALREADY HAVE SOME INDICATIONS OF GOOD NEWS FOR A NUMBER OF DEFENSE-RELATED INDUSTRIES.

PETER...?

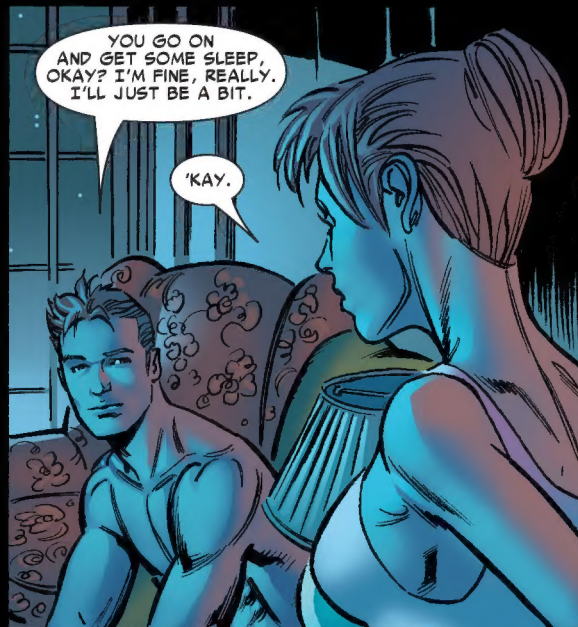


YOU OKAY?

I'M FINE, MJ, JUST... COULDN'T SLEEP.

COME ON BACK TO BED...I'LL RUB YOUR BACK, THAT ALWAYS HELPS YOU SLEEP.

NAH...I'M OKAY.



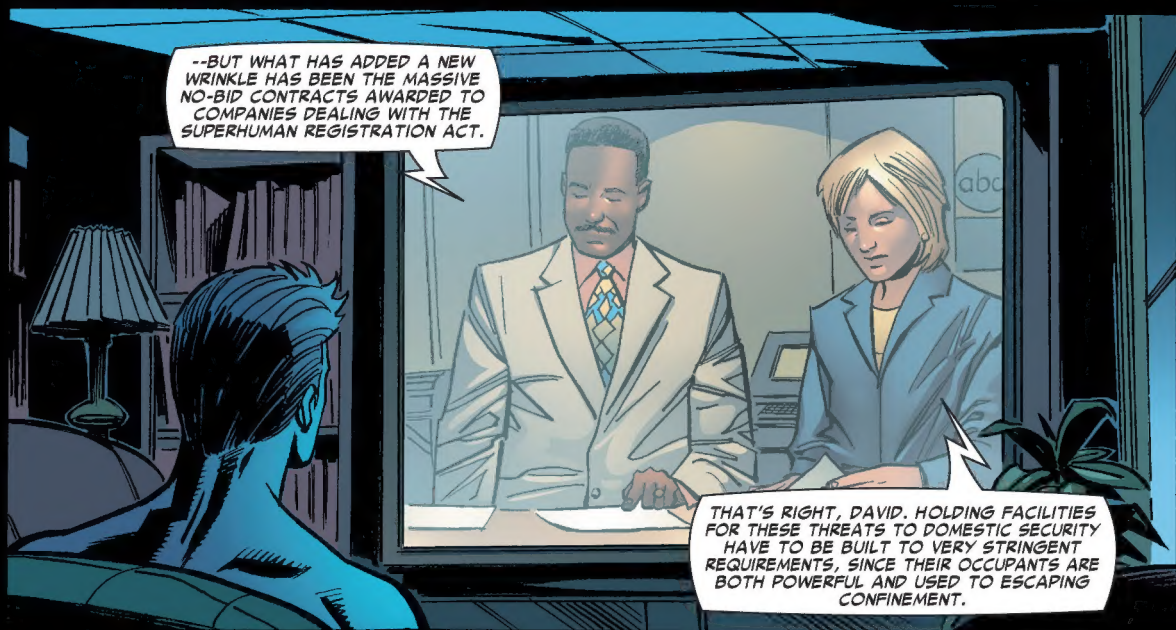
YOU GO ON  
AND GET SOME SLEEP.  
OKAY? I'M FINE, REALLY.  
I'LL JUST BE A BIT.

'KAY.



DON'T STAY  
UP TOO LONG. YOU  
NEED YOUR BEAUTY  
SLEEP TOO, YOU KNOW,  
NOW THAT YOU'RE  
A CELEBRITY.

HALLIBURTON HAS SEEN  
CONSISTENT GROWTH FOR  
THE LAST FOUR YEARS,  
AS HAVE MOST COMPANIES  
IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR,  
WHICH IS TRADITIONAL--



--BUT WHAT HAS ADDED A NEW  
WRINKLE HAS BEEN THE MASSIVE  
NO-BID CONTRACTS AWARDED TO  
COMPANIES DEALING WITH THE  
SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT.

THAT'S RIGHT, DAVID. HOLDING FACILITIES  
FOR THESE THREATS TO DOMESTIC SECURITY  
HAVE TO BE BUILT TO VERY STRINGENT  
REQUIREMENTS, SINCE THEIR OCCUPANTS ARE  
BOTH POWERFUL AND USED TO ESCAPING  
CONFINEMENT.



BOTH STARK ENTERPRISES AND  
FANTASTIC FOUR INCORPORATED  
HAVE RECEIVED NO-BID CONTRACTS  
TOTALING NEARLY TWO BILLION  
DOLLARS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF  
SUCH FACILITIES AND ANCILLARY  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.



THOUGH THE LATTER IS A PRIVATE  
HOLDING COMPANY, THIS IS  
CERTAINLY A HUGE BOOST TO STARK'S  
POSITION ON THE STOCK MARKET,  
MAKING HIM ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST  
MEN IN THE COUNTRY.

WE'VE FINISHED  
TRANSFERRING  
GROUP B TO  
HOLDING FACILITIES,  
READY FOR YOUR  
INSPECTION.

ALL RIGHT,  
TELL EVERYONE  
TO STAND BY, I'M  
COMING IN, AND  
GOOD WORK.

THANKS,  
MR. STARK.



LOOKS  
LIKE YOU'RE SET TO  
MAKE A KILLING.

ON THE  
STOCK MARKET,  
THAT IS.

AM I? I HADN'T  
NOTICED.

SEE, NOW THAT'S  
STYLE, TO BE ABLE  
TO GET A TWO-  
BILLION-DOLLAR BLIND  
CONTRACT AND NOT  
EVEN NOTICE.

IF THERE'S  
SOMETHING YOU  
HAVE TO SAY,  
PETER, THEN I  
SUGGEST YOU  
SAY IT--



--OTHERWISE,  
I HAVE PLACES  
TO BE.

YOUR LITTLE  
DETENTION AREA  
BEING NUMBER ONE  
ON SANTA'S  
ROUTE, RIGHT?

YES.  
WHY?



I WANT  
TO SEE  
IT.

PETER--

YOU'VE  
GOT ME HELPING  
YOU TO ARREST HEROES  
AND BAD GUYS ALIKE AND  
STICK THEM IN SOME KIND  
OF DETENTION CENTER  
I'VE NEVER SEEN.

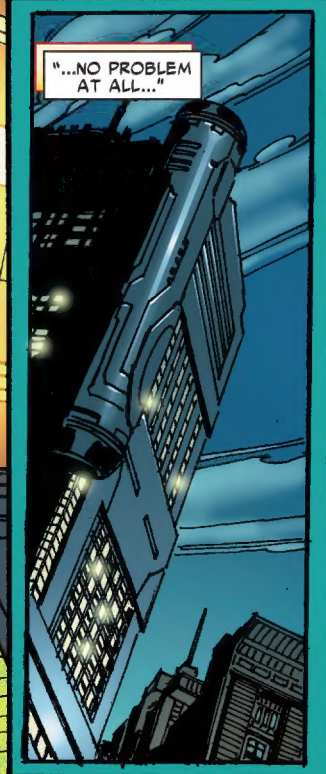
SO NOW  
I'D LIKE TO  
SEE IT.



AND SINCE I'M  
SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR  
NUMBER TWO GUY, THAT  
SHOULDN'T BE A  
PROBLEM, SHOULD IT,  
TONY?

NO...





"...NO PROBLEM AT ALL..."

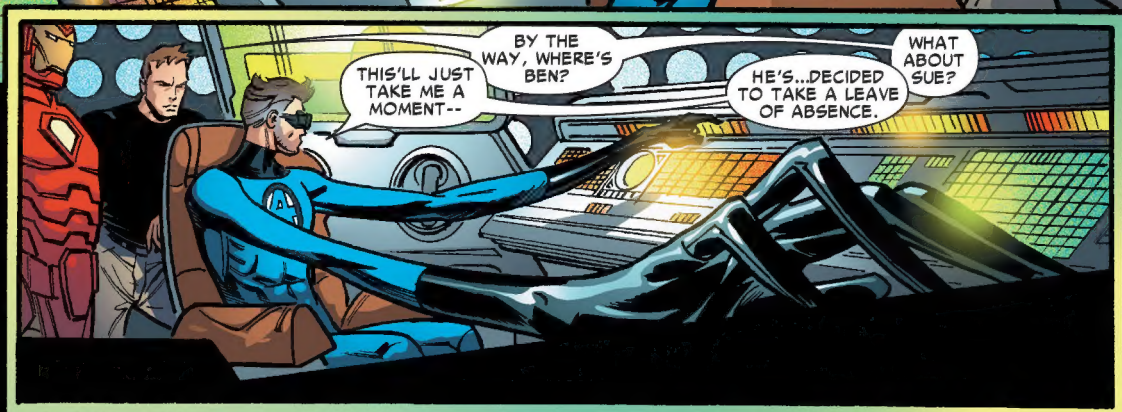


...IN FACT, I SUGGESTED TO TONY THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE WHAT WE'VE COME UP WITH, BEING SOMETHING OF A SCIENTIST YOURSELF.

REALLY? HE NEVER MENTIONED IT.

I'VE BEEN A BIT BUSY, PETER.

OF COURSE.



THIS'LL JUST TAKE ME A MOMENT--

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S BEN?

HE'S...DECIDED TO TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

WHAT ABOUT SUE?



SHE'S... NOT HERE.

YEAH, BUT--

OPENING NEGATIVE ZONE DISTORTION FIELD.



THE NEGATIVE ZONE?

YOU'RE KEEPING THESE PEOPLE IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE?

THERE'S NO SAFE PLACE ON EARTH TO HOLD THEM, PETER. WE HAD NO CHOICE.

NO CHOICE AT ALL.



BETTER GRAB A THRUSTER PACK, PETER.

# THE WAR AT HOME

## PART FOUR OF SIX



ISN'T THIS WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY "ARE WE THERE YET?" OVER AND OVER UNTIL I GET ANNOYED?

MAYBE LATER.

SO ARE WE CALLING A MORATORIUM ON BUGGING ME? I MEAN, I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD YOU CALL ME BOSS LATELY.

I HADN'T NOTICED. I...

...HOLY...

THERE IT IS, PETER.

END OF THE ROAD FOR AN AWFUL LOT OF PEOPLE.

AN AWFUL LOT.





A COMPUTER PROGRAM  
RANDOMLY GENERATES  
NEW PASSWORDS  
EVERY TEN MINUTES.

TANGO-  
SIERRA-LLOYD-  
BRIDGES.

GUARD POST  
BRAVO TO STARK,  
CONFIRM ID PLEASE.



LLOYD  
BRIDGES?

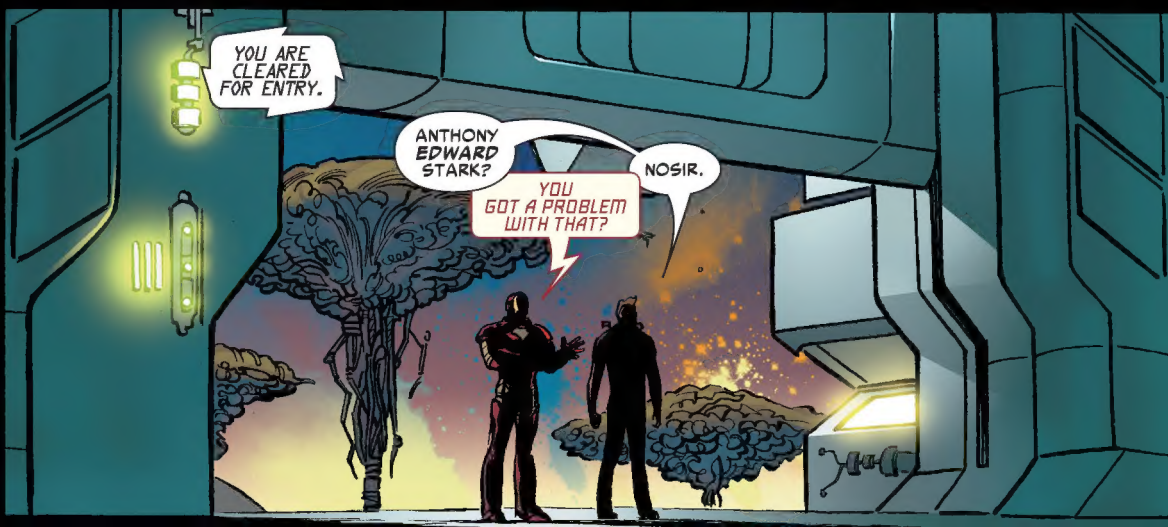
THE PROGRAM HAS AN  
UNANTICIPATED AFFINITY  
FOR THE NAMES OF 1960s  
TV ACTORS. TEN MINUTES  
AGO IT WAS CHARLIE-  
FOXTROT-ADAM-WEST.

WHEN IT GETS TO  
SEBASTIAN CABOT I'M  
PULLING THE PLUG.



STAND BY FOR FIVE-POINT ID SCAN.  
HANDPRINT: MATCH.  
FINGERPRINT: MATCH.  
BONE CONFIGURATION: MATCH.  
BLOOD TYPE: MATCH.  
DNA SAMPLE: MATCH.

IDENTITY  
CONFIRMED: ANTHONY  
EDWARD STARK.



YOU ARE  
CLEARED  
FOR ENTRY.

ANTHONY  
EDWARD  
STARK?

YOU  
GOT A PROBLEM  
WITH THAT?

NOSIR.



THE DOORS, FLOORS, CEILINGS AND WALLS ARE MADE WITH A NEW KIND OF SYNTHETIC VIBRANIUM. IT'S NOT AS STRONG AS THE REAL THING, BUT WHEN YOU BUILD IT THIS THICK, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.



EVERY CELL IS CUSTOMIZED TO HOLD ITS UNIQUE OCCUPANT. IF HE CONTROLS FIRE, THE ROOM EMITS COLD; IF THE OCCUPANT EMITS A FREQUENCY, THE ROOM EMITS A COUNTER-FREQUENCY.

THEY'RE JUST WORDS, PETER...

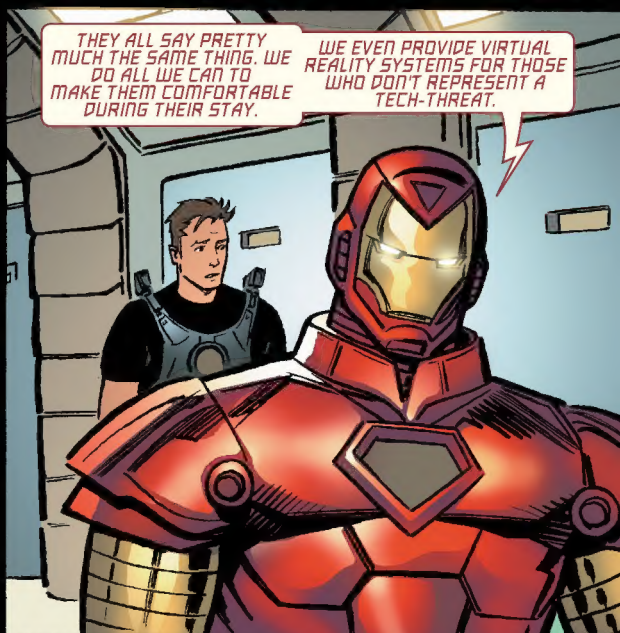
"THE OCCUPANT." SOUNDS LIKE A HOTEL. DON'T YOU MEAN "THE PRISONER"?

NAME: RICHARD GILMORE  
ALIAS: PRODIGY  
PRISONER ID: 40717



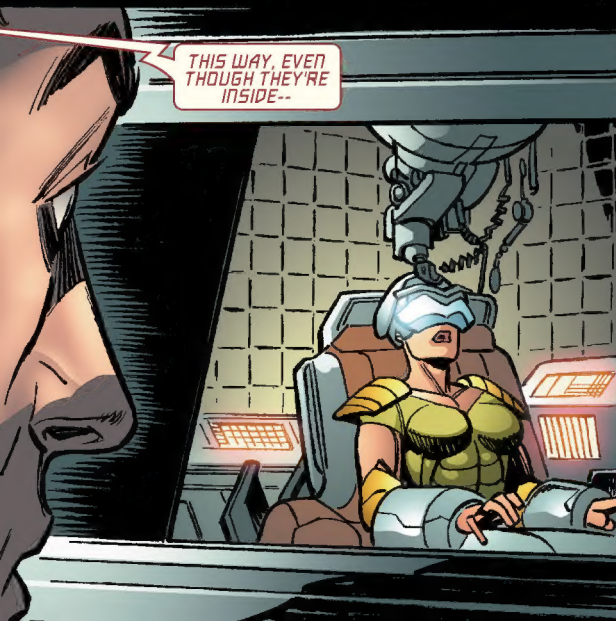
...JUST WORDS.

HEY...HEY!  
WHOEVER YOU ARE...  
CAN YOU HELP ME? PLEASE?  
THERE'S...THERE'S BEEN SOME  
KIND OF MISUNDERSTANDING...  
I SHOULDN'T BE HERE...I  
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...



THEY ALL SAY PRETTY  
MUCH THE SAME THING. WE  
DO ALL WE CAN TO  
MAKE THEM COMFORTABLE  
DURING THEIR STAY.

WE EVEN PROVIDE VIRTUAL  
REALITY SYSTEMS FOR THOSE  
WHO DON'T REPRESENT A  
TECH-THREAT.

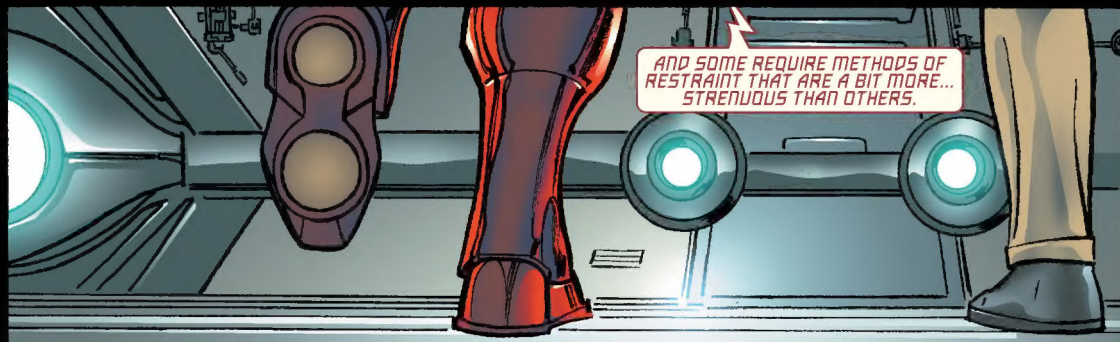


THIS WAY, EVEN  
THOUGH THEY'RE  
INSIDE--

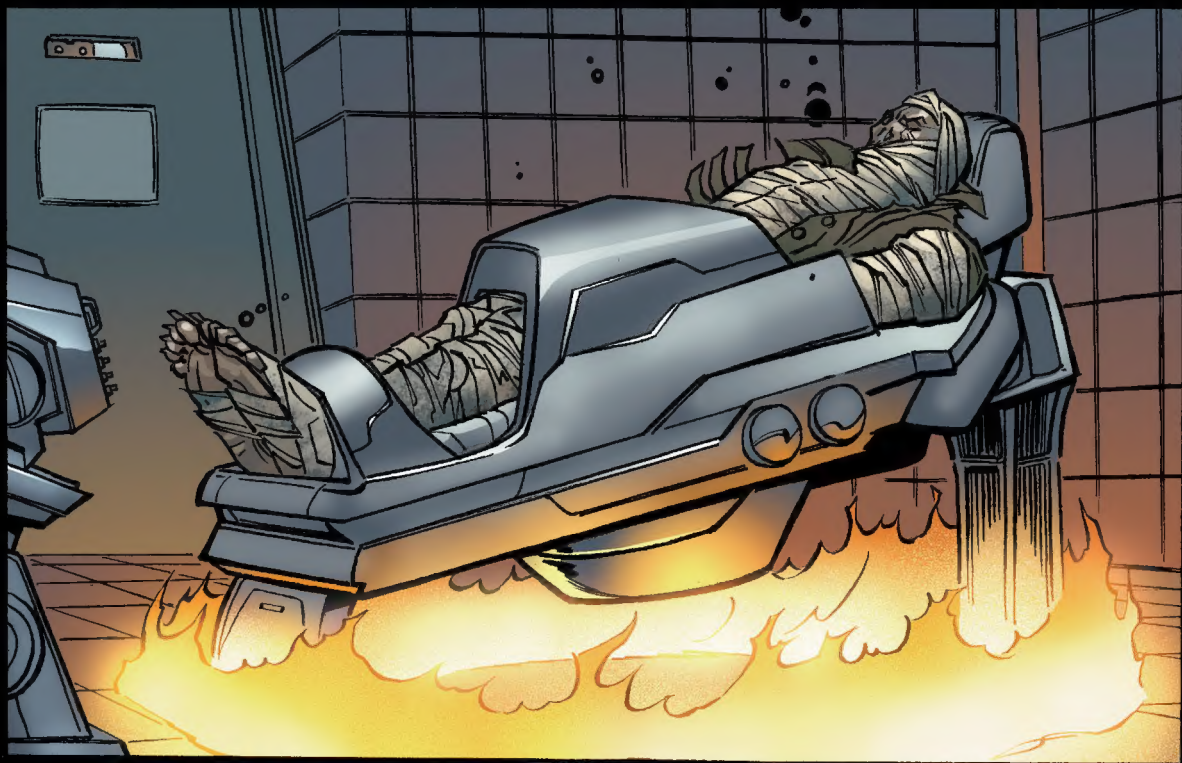


--THEY CAN  
FEEL AS IF THEY'RE  
OUTSIDE.

HELP ME...  
PLEASE...  
HELP ME...



AND SOME REQUIRE METHODS OF RESTRAINT THAT ARE A BIT MORE... STRENUOUS THAN OTHERS.

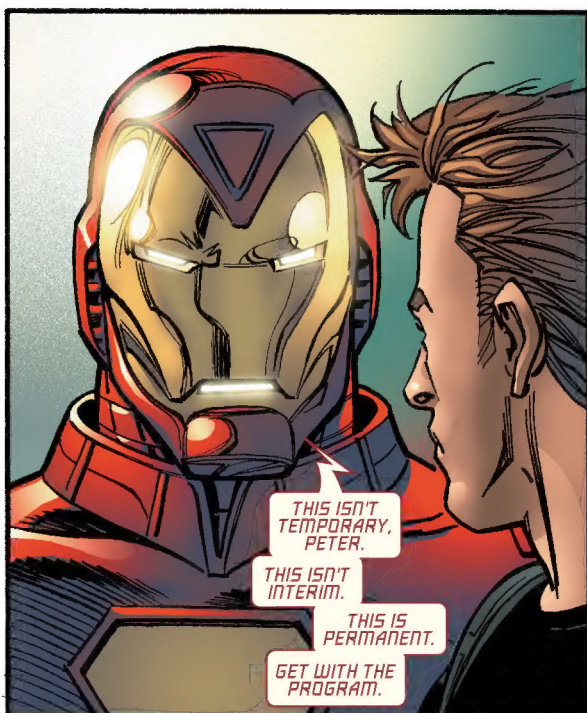


SO IF YOU HAD NOTIONS OF SOME KIND OF INHUMANE GULAG, OR A DARK, DARK PRISON DRIPPING SLUDGE AND HUMAN MISERY... YOU WERE MISTAKEN.

WELL, AS AN INTERIM SOLUTION--

INTERIM?

YEAH, AS IN TEMPORARY. I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THE WORD BEFORE, IT'S IN THE DICTIONARY. YOU COULD LOOK IT UP--



THIS ISN'T TEMPORARY, PETER.

THIS ISN'T INTERIM.

THIS IS PERMANENT.

GET WITH THE PROGRAM.



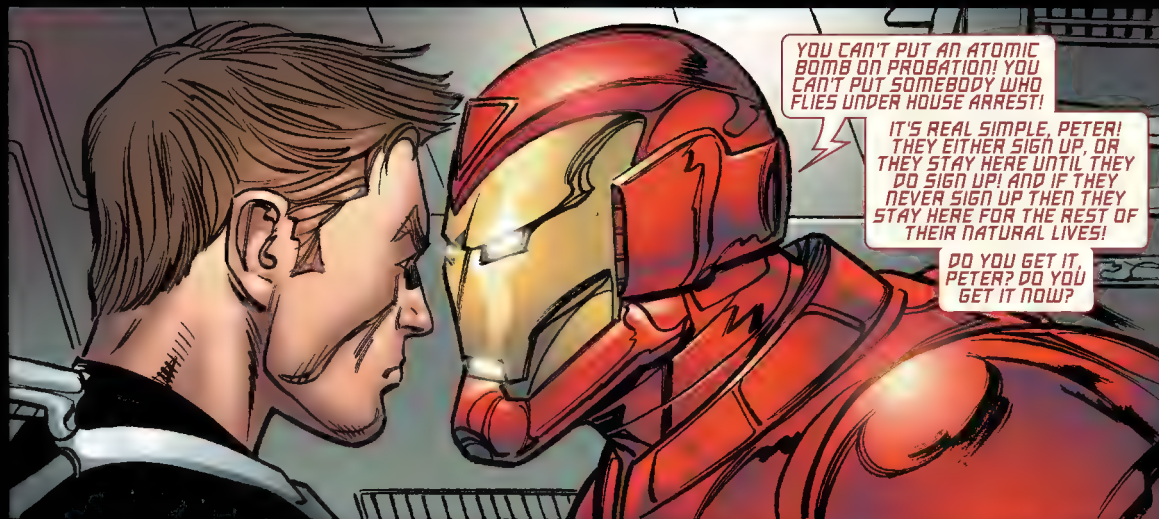
TONY? WHAT...  
WHAT'RE YOU  
SAYING?

THE WORDS ARE ALL  
IN THE DICTIONARY. YOU  
COULD LOOK THEM UP.

THESE  
PEOPLE ARE  
IN HERE FOR  
LIFE?

UNLESS THEY  
REGISTER.

BUT  
IF THEY  
DON'T--



YOU CAN'T PUT AN ATOMIC  
BOMB ON PROBATION! YOU  
CAN'T PUT SOMEBODY WHO  
FLIES UNDER HOUSE ARREST!

IT'S REAL SIMPLE, PETER!  
THEY EITHER SIGN UP, OR  
THEY STAY HERE UNTIL THEY  
DO SIGN UP! AND IF THEY  
NEVER SIGN UP THEN THEY  
STAY HERE FOR THE REST OF  
THEIR NATURAL LIVES!

DO YOU GET IT  
PETER? DO YOU  
GET IT NOW?



TAKE  
OFF THE  
HELMET.

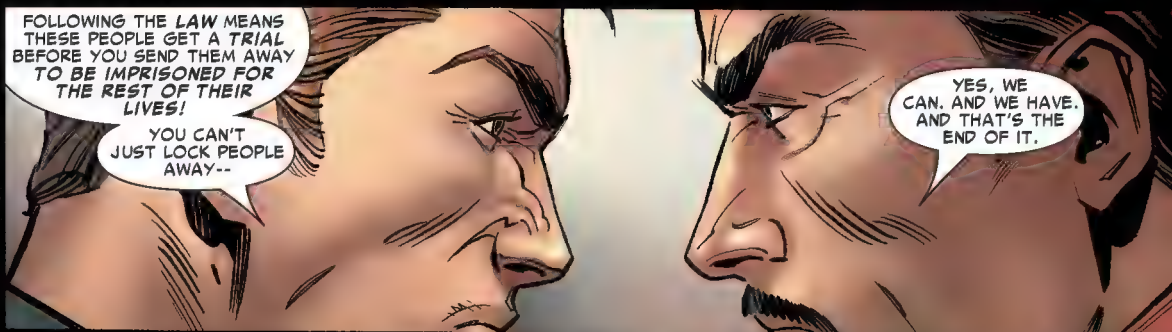
AND TELL ME  
THAT AGAIN WHEN  
I CAN SEE YOUR  
FACE.



DO YOU THINK I LIKE  
THIS, PETER? DO YOU  
THINK I WORKED MY  
WHOLE LIFE TO BECOME  
SOMEONE'S JAILER?

I HATE THIS.  
PETER, I HATE EVERY  
MINUTE OF IT. I HATE  
EVERYTHING ABOUT  
IT. I HAVEN'T HAD A  
GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP  
IN WEEKS.

BUT WE HAVE  
NO CHOICE. WE  
HAVE TO FOLLOW  
THE LAW--

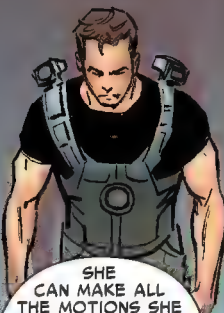


FOLLOWING THE LAW MEANS  
THESE PEOPLE GET A TRIAL  
BEFORE YOU SEND THEM AWAY  
TO BE IMPRISONED FOR  
THE REST OF THEIR  
LIVES!

YOU CAN'T  
JUST LOCK PEOPLE  
AWAY--

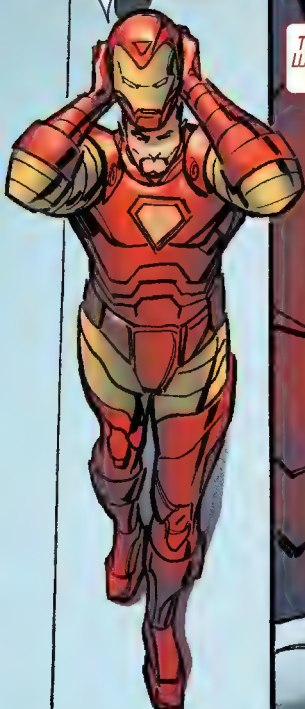
YES, WE  
CAN. AND WE HAVE.  
AND THAT'S THE  
END OF IT.

BUT SHE-HULK...  
JENNIFER WALTERS...  
SHE'S IN COURT,  
EVERY DAY, DEFENDING  
THESE GUYS, MAKING  
MOTIONS--



SHE  
CAN MAKE ALL  
THE MOTIONS SHE  
WANTS. THIS IS  
OUTSIDE THE  
JURISDICTION OF  
LOCAL AND FEDERAL  
COURTS. THIS IS AN  
ACT OF CONGRESS,  
SIGNED BY THE  
PRESIDENT.

ONLY THE  
SUPREME COURT  
CAN INTERVENE, AND  
I HAPPEN TO KNOW  
THEY WON'T.



THIS PLACE IS NOT  
ON AMERICAN SOIL.  
AMERICAN LAWS  
DON'T TOUCH HERE.  
AMERICAN LAWYERS  
DON'T COME HERE.

ONCE NON-  
REGISTRANTS  
COME HERE,  
THEY'RE LEGAL  
NONENTITIES.

OCCUPANTS.

PRISONERS.

THEM...AND THOSE  
WHO GIVE THEM AID  
AND SUPPORT.

BUT I AGREE WITH  
YOU ON ONE THING,  
PETER.

IT WOULD BE A  
TERRIBLE THING.

TO BE  
HERE.

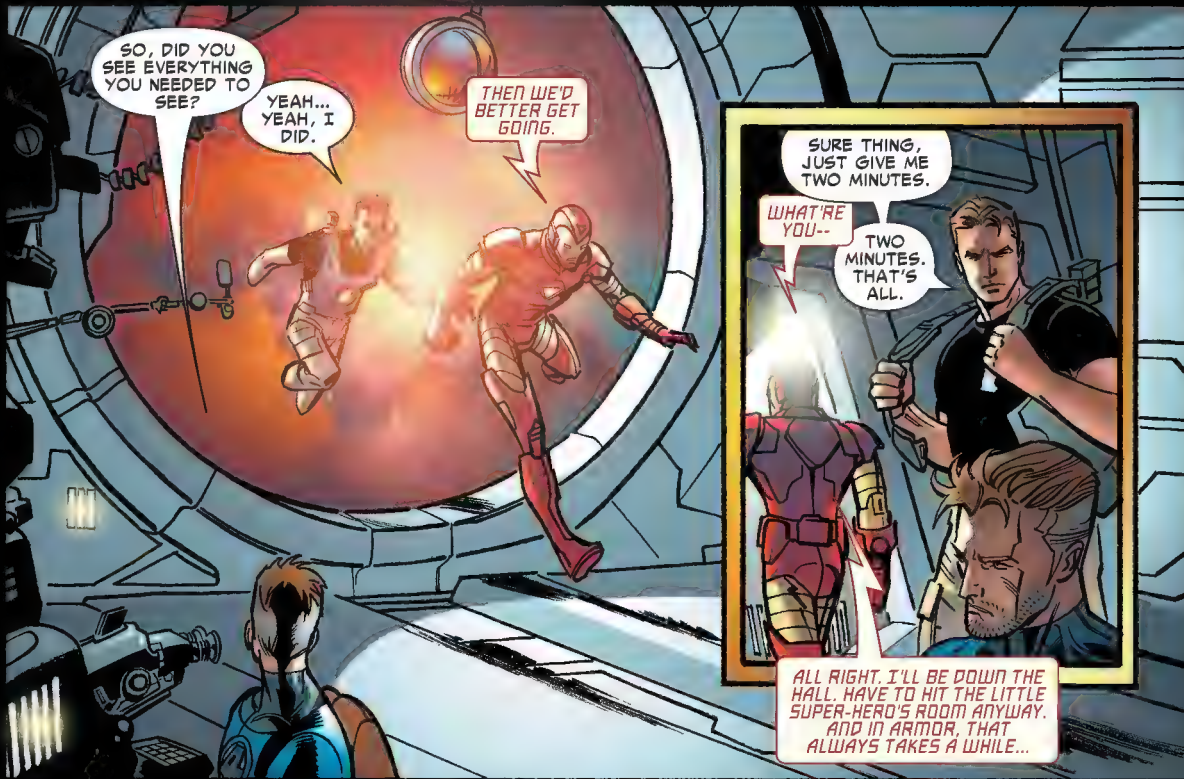
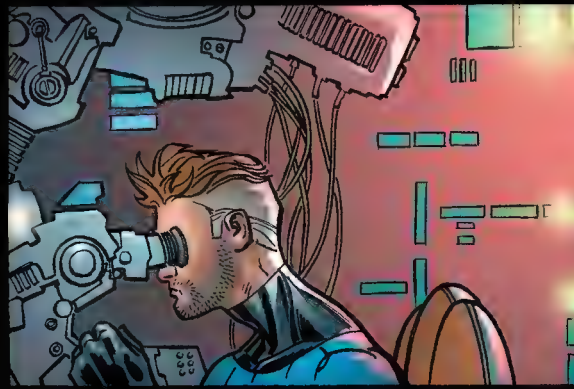
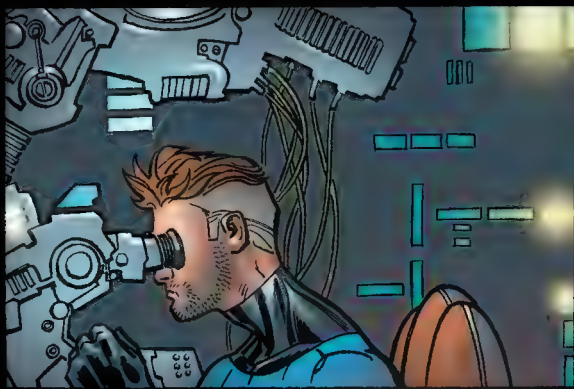
FOR THE REST  
OF ONE'S LIFE.

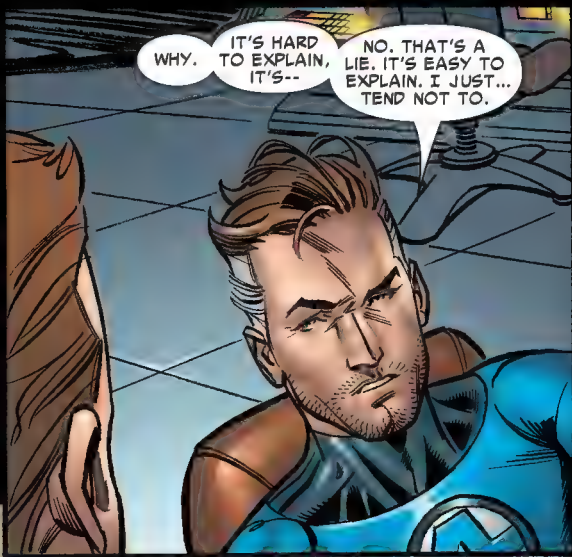
WOULDN'T  
IT?



YEAH...  
A REAL  
TERRIBLE  
THING.







WHY. IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN, IT'S--

NO. THAT'S A LIE. IT'S EASY TO EXPLAIN. I JUST... TEND NOT TO.

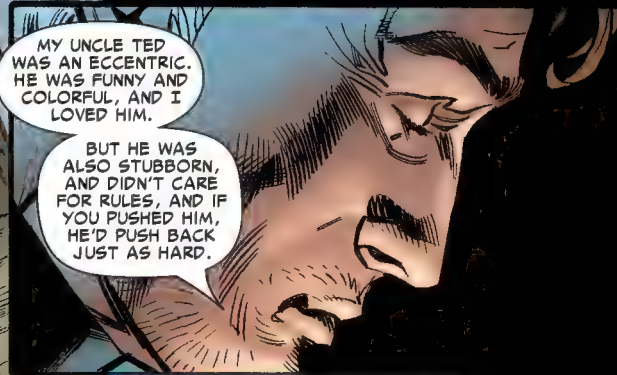


NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW IT, BECAUSE--WELL, BECAUSE I DON'T TALK ABOUT IT A LOT--BUT I HAVE...HAD... AN UNCLE. UNCLE TED, MY FATHER'S OLDER BROTHER.

MY FATHER WAS A VERY DRIVEN MAN, AND NOT ALWAYS THE KINDEST. HE PUSHED ME TO BECOME WHAT I AM. BUT UNCLE TED--

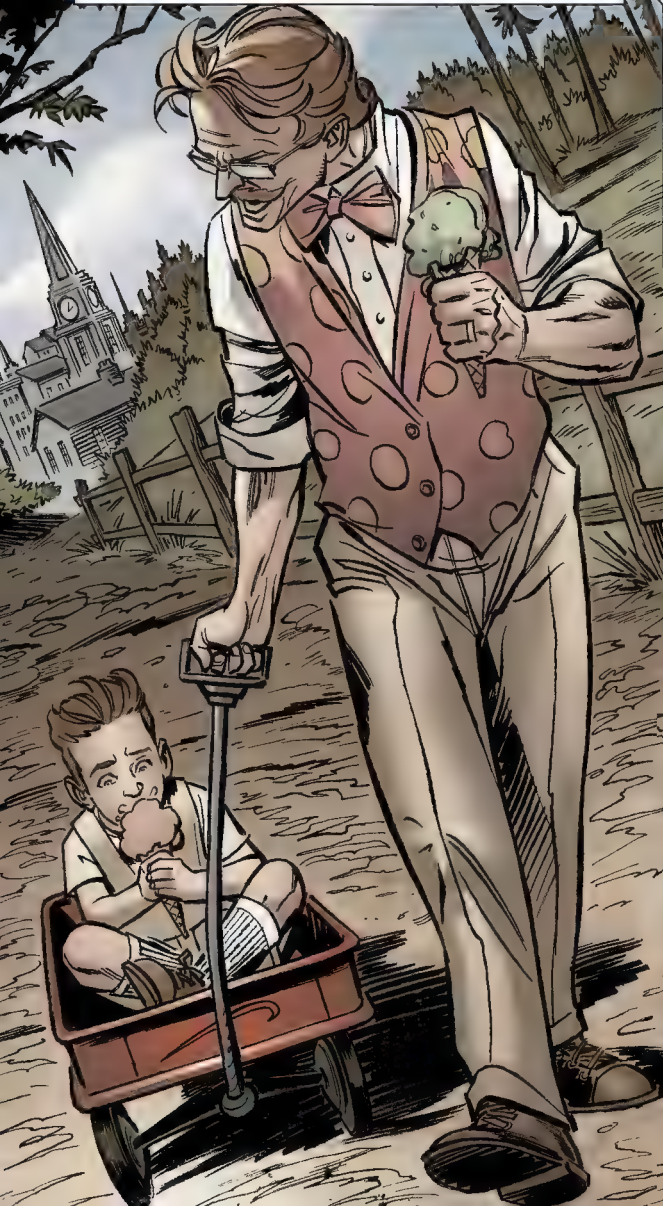
"--WAS FUNNY, AND ACCEPTING, AND HE USED TO TAKE ME UP THE STREET TWICE A WEEK FOR ICE CREAM AND TALKS ABOUT THE WORLD.

"UNLIKE THE REST OF THE FAMILY, HE WASN'T A SCIENTIST. HE WAS A WRITER. HE FOUND EVERYONE INTERESTING. HE'D TALK TO STRANGERS, WEAR THE WRONG COLORED SOCKS, ATE AT STRANGE LITTLE RESTAURANTS."



MY UNCLE TED WAS AN ECCENTRIC. HE WAS FUNNY AND COLORFUL, AND I LOVED HIM.

BUT HE WAS ALSO STUBBORN, AND DIDN'T CARE FOR RULES, AND IF YOU PUSHED HIM, HE'D PUSH BACK JUST AS HARD.



"UNFORTUNATELY, THIS WAS WHEN JOE MCCARTHY AND THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE WAS IN FULL BLOOM, LOOKING FOR COMMUNISTS AMONG THE MILITARY, THE GOVERNMENT...AND THE ARTS.



"IF YOU STOOD OUT, IF YOU DIDN'T CONFORM, YOU HAD A BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE OF BEING CALLED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

"AND MY UNCLE TED WAS ALL THOSE THINGS. SO HE WAS SUBPOENAED TO APPEAR BEFORE HUAC AND EXPLAIN HIMSELF.



"TO TESTIFY.

"TO TELL THEM HE WASN'T A COMMUNIST, AND TO NAME THE NAMES OF THOSE HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE COMMUNISTS."



I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY READ THE TRANSCRIPTS OF WHAT HE TOLD THE COMMITTEE, BUT MY MOTHER USED TO SAY SHE WAS SURPRISED THE STENOGRAPHY MACHINES DIDN'T BURST INTO FLAME.

BUT HE SUMMED IT UP REALLY WELL IN HIS CONCLUDING SENTENCE.

"GO TO HELL," HE TOLD THEM.



THEY HELD HIM ON CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS FOR SIX MONTHS, AND WHEN HE GOT OUT--

--HIS CAREER WAS OVER. NOBODY WOULD HIRE HIM, BUY HIS STORIES, OR ANSWER HIS PHONE CALLS. EVEN MY FATHER REFUSED TO LET HIM COME AROUND. HE LOST HIS LIFE SAVINGS, HIS HOME, AND IN THE END--



IN THE END, IT KILLED HIM.



SOUNDS LIKE YOUR UNCLE WAS A VERY BRAVE GUY.

YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT, PETER.

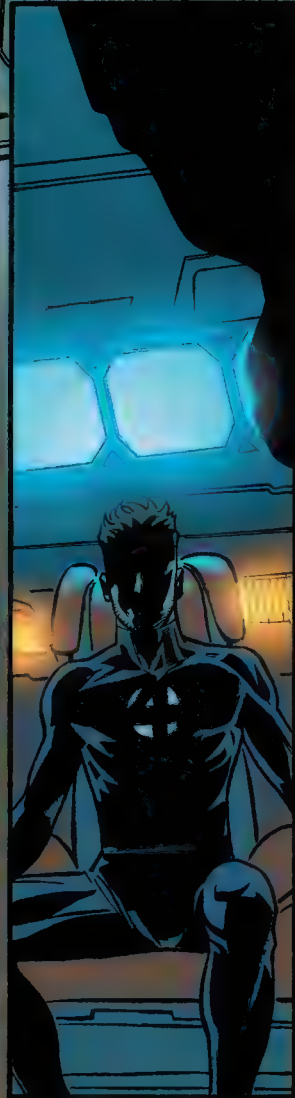
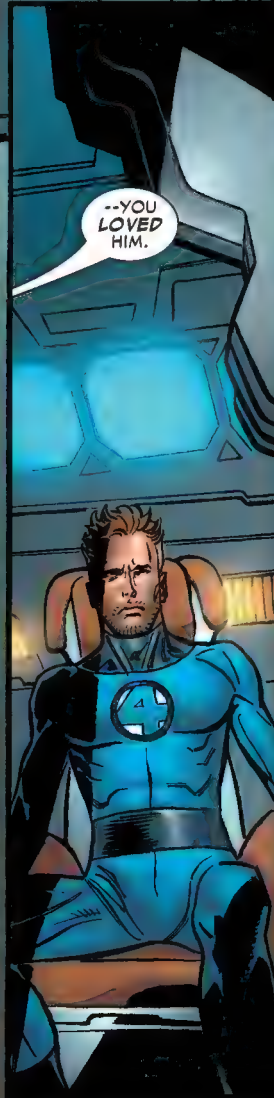
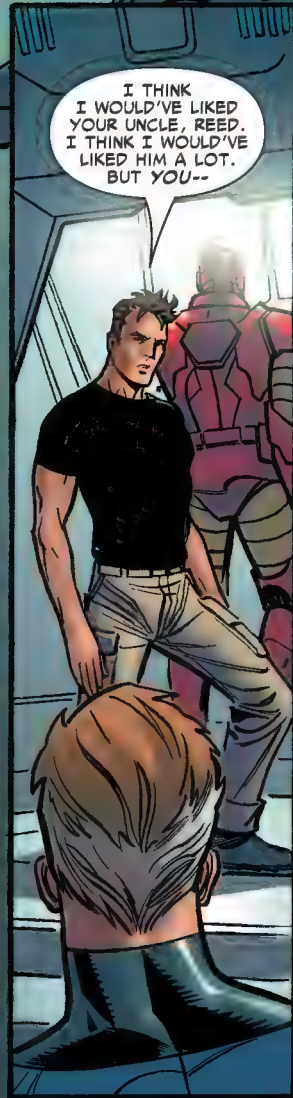
HE WAS WRONG.

HE PICKED A FIGHT HE COULDN'T WIN. WHETHER HUAC WAS RIGHT OR WRONG WASN'T THE POINT. IT WAS THE LAW.



TAKE AWAY THE LAW AND WHAT ARE WE? SAVAGES, UP TO OUR NECKS IN BLOOD. THAT'S WHY WE GIVE THE LAW THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE EVERYTHING AWAY FROM US IF WE BREAK IT BY MURDERING OR KIDNAPPING OR--

OR SIMPLY TELLING POWERFUL MEN, "GO TO HELL."



LISTEN, PETER, I WAS THINKING,  
AND I WANT YOU TO HEAD OUT  
TO LOS ANGELES FOR A WHILE  
ON MY BEHALF.

A wide shot of a rooftop with Tony Stark and Iron Man. Tony is in the foreground, looking towards Iron Man who is further back. The background shows a city skyline.

I'M PREPARING A NEW  
PROGRAM THAT I'M  
TENTATIVELY CALLING THE  
50-STATE INITIATIVE.  
AND I'LL NEED YOUR HELP  
OUT THERE.

WHY IN  
L.A. AND NOT  
HERE?

I JUST THINK IT WOULD  
BE GOOD FOR YOU TO GET  
AWAY FROM HERE FOR A  
WHILE, GIVE YOU A BREAK--

A medium shot of Iron Man and Tony Stark on a rooftop. Iron Man is on the left, looking towards Tony. Tony is on the right, looking back at Iron Man. The city skyline is visible in the background.

I DON'T  
NEED A  
BREAK.

HELP  
YOU CLEAR  
YOUR HEAD.

MY  
HEAD IS  
CLEAR.

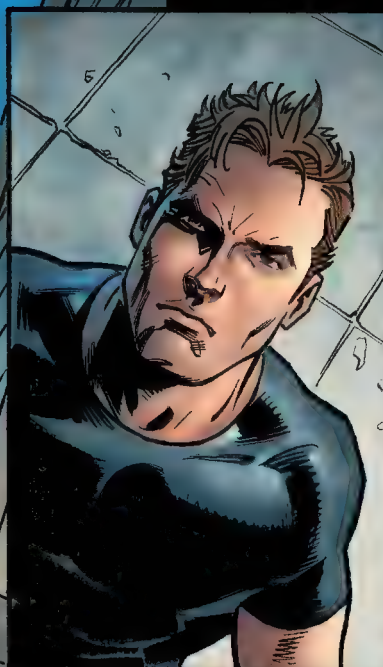
BESIDES,  
WHAT ABOUT  
MJ AND AUNT  
MAY?

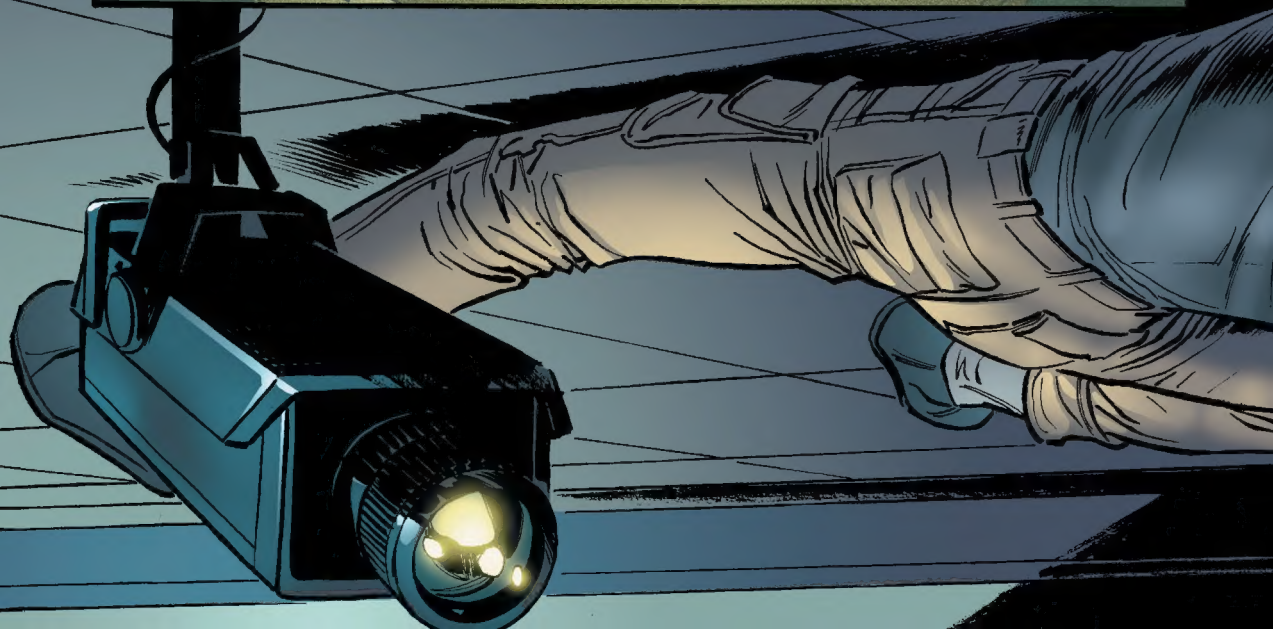
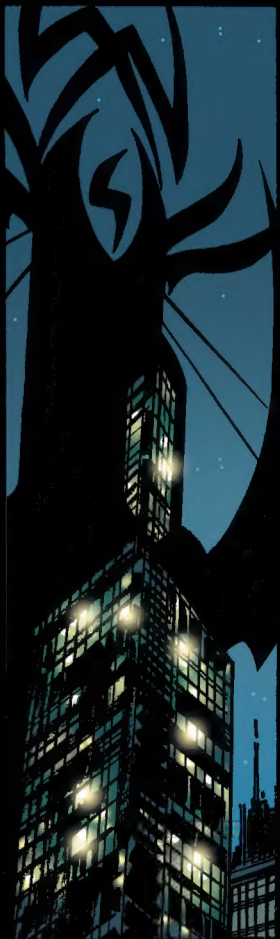
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT THEM.  
AS LONG AS  
THEY'RE WITH ME,  
THEY'RE SAFE.

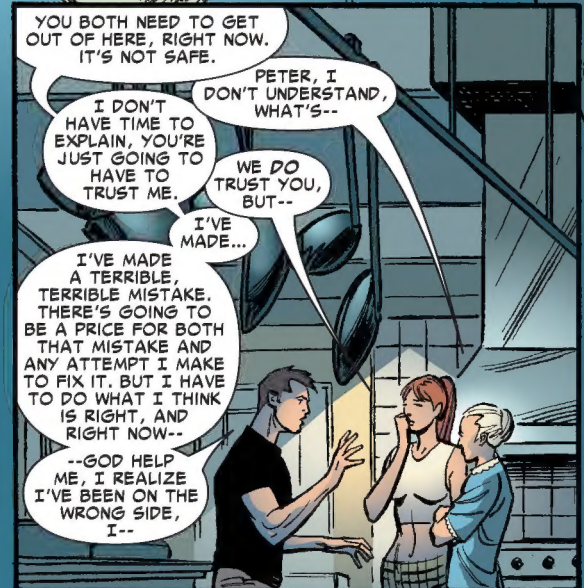
A close-up of Iron Man's helmeted face as he flies away. The background is a bright, hazy sky.

I HAVE SOME THINGS TO DO  
TONIGHT, BUT I'LL HAVE MY  
PEOPLE PREP THE JET FOR  
YOU TO LEAVE FIRST THING  
TOMORROW MORNING.

A wide shot of Iron Man flying away from Tony Stark. Tony is in the foreground, looking up at Iron Man. The city skyline is visible in the background.











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